



DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, August 21, 2008

The meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, August 21, 2008, 3:00 p.m. at Police Headquarters, 1300 Beaubien Street, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present

Jim Holley
Ronald L. Griffin
Mohamed Okdie (**ABS**)
Erminia Ramirez
Willie Hampton

Department Personnel Present

AC Robert Dunlap
DC Leo Powers
Cmdr. Benjamin Lee
Lt. Donna Jarvis
Lt. Charles Wilson
Lt. Darwin Roche
Sgt. David Jones
PO Sophia Nelms
PO Viera Brownlee

Board Staff Present

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director
Celia Banks-Washington, Attorney/Supervising Inv.
Arnold Sheard, Chief Investigator
Lawana Ducker, Personnel Director
Leslie J. Griffin, Community Affairs Coordinator
PO Kent Cooper

OTHERS PRESENT

Ron Scott
Edward Moore
Tom Stidham

Tawanna Morris
LaWanda Hail-Ruffin

RECORDERS

Jerome Adams
Robert Brown

1. CALL TO ORDER

Comm. Ramirez called the meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 3:18 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- **Thursday, August 21, 2008**

MOTION: **Comm. Ramirez** made the motion to approve the Agenda.

SECOND: **Comm. Griffin** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Thursday, August 14, 2008**

MOTION: **Comm. Ramirez** made the motion to approve the Minutes.

SECOND: **Comm. Griffin** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

4. BOPC OFFICER'S REPORT

1. CHAIRPERSON

2. SECRETARY'S REPORT

SUSPENSION WITHOUT PAY OF POLICE OFFICER JEFFREY CROUCH, BADGE 1945, ASSIGNED TO SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT

On April 24, 2008, Internal Affairs received notification from Sergeant David Jemison, badge S-1088, assigned to Southwestern District, regarding an allegation of Larceny involving Police Officer Jeffrey Crouch, badge 1945, assigned to Southwestern District.

On April 21, 2008, the complainant alleged that Officer Crouch had removed his 1989 Baja Boat, Hull number AGCW4298F889 and 2001 Towmaster trailer, VIN number IN9BB26271B171024, located in a fenced in private lot located at 139 S. Summit Street, Detroit, MI. Subsequently, Officer Crouch took personal possession of the complainant's boat and trailer, towed it to his private residence, and titled the boat and trailer into his name without the complainant's knowledge. The complainant made inquiries as to the whereabouts of his boat at Southwestern District and as a result, Officer Crouch returned the boat to the complainant.

It should be noted that Officer Crouch's Activity Log dated April 2, 2008, documented that he impounded the complainant's boat and trailer from 139 S. Summit at approximately 1:45 P.M., and had it towed to Gene's Tow, located at 7900 Dix. Additionally, the In-Car Video from Officer Crouch's scout car confirmed his presence at 139 S. Summit.

On May 7, 2008, Internal Affairs conducted an audio taped interview with the complainant who stated that his boat and trailer were discovered missing from a private, fenced in lot located at 139 S. Summit on April 21, 2008. The boat was last seen on or about March 21, 2008, at the location. He also stated that he rented the storage space for his boat and trailer at the aforementioned location. The complainant stated that another tenant from this location had received a business card and cellular phone number from Officer Crouch, and that he was the officer who had impounded the boat and trailer and that it was at his private residence. The complainant called Officer Crouch and discovered that Officer Crouch was in possession of his boat and trailer and that it was at his private residence. The complainant stated that at no time did he give permission to Officer Crouch to take possession of his boat and trailer.

Also, on May 7, 2008, the complainant called the Southwestern District to file a stolen boat report and was referred to Sergeant Ulysha Hall, badge S-582, assigned to Southwestern District. The complainant produced a Michigan Watercraft Certificate of Title to his boat and a Michigan registration certificate to his trailer. As a result of the complainant's inquiries, Officer Crouch returned the boat and trailer to the complainant at 139 S. Summit and Officer Crouch signed the Michigan Watercraft Certificate of Title registered in his name back to the complainant.

On May 15, 2008, a Michigan title history was conducted regarding the complainant's boat and trailer and it was discovered that on April 4, 2008, Officer Crouch did fraudulently apply for and title the complainant's boat and trailer with the State of Michigan in his name without the complainant's permission.

On May 29, 2008, an audio taped interview was conducted with the manager of Gene's Tow, who stated that on April 7, 2008, Officer Crouch, while off duty, produced his department badge and identification card and took personal possession of the complainant's boat and trailer.

On June 9, 2008, an Investigator's Report regarding this matter was submitted to the Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Robert Donaldson, of the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office for review.

On July 24, 2008, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Tom Dawson, of the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office signed the Investigator's Report against Officer Crouch recommending that he be charged with one (1) count of Larceny over \$1,000.00 less than \$20,000.00, and one (1) count of Misconduct in Office.

On July 28, 2008, Magistrate Millicent Sherman, of the 36th District Court issued felony warrant #08-063034 against Officer Crouch for the recommended charges.

On July 29, 2008, Officer Crouch was arraigned before Magistrate Sherman in 36th District Court. He was released on a \$5,000.00 personal bond. Officer Crouch is scheduled to appear on August 14, 2008, for a Preliminary Examination Hearing.

Also, on this same date, Officer Crouch was suspended at the office of Internal Affairs by Sergeant Donald Haight, badge S-14, assigned to Southwestern District.

Based upon the above facts and circumstances, it is recommended that Officer Crouch be charged but with, but not limited to, the following violation of the Department Rules and Regulations:

CHARGE: CONDUCT UNBECOMING AN OFFICER, CONTRARY TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT CODE OF ETHICS; THIS BEING IN VIOLATION OF THE 2003 DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT MANUAL SERIES 100, DIRECTIVE 102.3 – 7.9, CONDUCT UNPROFESSIONAL, COMMAND 1.

Due to the seriousness of the conduct, I am requesting your concurrence with the suspension of Police Officer Jeffrey Crouch without pay, effective August 21, 2008.

Unless convened by this Board the suspension without pay shall stand.

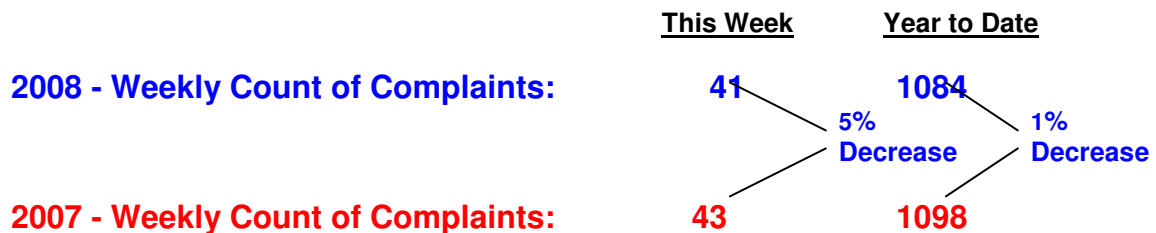
There were no contraventions.

OFFICE CLOSING

The Board of Police Commissioners' Office and the Office of the Chief Investigator will be **CLOSED** on the following date:

- Monday, September 1, 2008, in observance of Labor Day.

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED



- The Office of the Chief Investigator has a total of **1,173** active investigations, of which **868** of those are for 2008.

TOTAL WEEKLY ALLEGATIONS & COMMAND

Total	COMMAND	ALLEGATIONS									Total
CCR	W/E 08/21/08	Arrest	Demeanor	Force	Harassment	Entry	Procedure	Property	Search	Service	Allegations
4	CENTRAL		1				2	1		1	5
5	COMMUNICATIONS		4							1	5
7	EASTERN		3	1		1	3			1	9
2	NARCOTICS				1		1				2
2	NORTHEASTERN		1							1	2
6	NORTHWESTERN		6	1			2				9
1	ORGANIZED CRIME		1	1							2
1	SOUTHWESTERN			1							1
8	Unknown Command		4	2			5	1			12
1	VIOLENT CRIMES				1						1
4	WESTERN		3	1			4				8
41			23	7		2	1	17	2	4	56

5. PRESENTATION/REPORT-CHIEF OF POLICE

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Detroit Police Department

Report to the Board of Police Commissioners



“Building a Safer Detroit Through Community Partnerships”

The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take the guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.

SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

Domestic Violence

On August 13th, officers of the Eastern District responded to the 19000 block of Runyon on a “Home Invasion” and arrested a subject. Subsequent to the investigation conducted by members of Domestic Violence, the subject was charged with “Home Invasion 1st” “Felony Assault,” “Felony Firearm,” “Interfering with a Crime Report,” “Aggravated Domestic Violence,” and “Malicious Use of a Telecommunications Device.” In addition, a handgun was confiscated.

Special Points of Interest:

• Next meeting:

Thursday, August 28, 2008

@ 3:00 P.M.

**Detroit Police Department
1300 Beaubien st.
Detroit, Michigan 48226**

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Engaging the Community

ATTENTION

Citizens wishing to make a police report may do so at the District stations in the city of Detroit. Citizens may also utilize the following District Sub-Stations to make reports.

		<u>Location</u>	<u>Hours of Operation</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
Northeastern District	2	1300 Beaubien	24 Hours	596-5100
		2151 E. Jefferson	24 Hours	596-6400
Central District	2	7737 Kercheval	7 a.m. to 3 p.m.	628-2121
		19810 Grand River	10 a.m. to 3 p.m.	935-5322
Northwestern District	2	13530 Lesure	8 a.m. to 11 p.m.	596-5300
		12000 Livernois	24 Hours	237-2555
		20 Atwater	24 Hours	237-2850

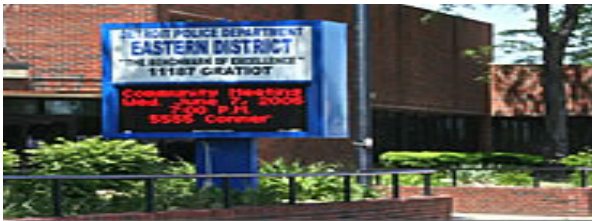
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Eastern District

On August 15th, officers of the Eastern District responded to the area of East Warren and St. Clair to assist with a "Robbery Armed/Unlawful Driving Away of an Automobile" when they observed the wanted vehicle. Due to the officers' quick actions, two subjects were arrested and charged with "Felony Murder," "Armed Robbery," and "Assault with Intent to Rob."



Western District

On August 11th, while on patrol in the 5000 block of West Warren, officers of the Western District observed a shooting take place. As a result of the officers' quick actions, the subject was arrested and charged with "Assault with Intent to Commit Murder," "Assault with Intent to Commit Great Bodily Harm," "Felony Assault," "Carrying a Concealed Weapon," "Discharge from Vehicle [Firearms]," "Felony Firearm," and "Habitual 3rd."



Central District

On August 14th, officers of the Central District responded to the 5000 block of Woodward on a "Breaking & Entering of a Business" in progress. Subsequent to their investigation, two subjects were arrested and charged with "Breaking & Entering of a Business." Stolen items were recovered.



Northwestern District

On August 12th, officers of the Northwestern District responded to the 7000 block of Patton on a "Breaking & Entering" in progress. As a result of their investigation, officers arrested two subjects who were later charged with "Breaking & Entering of a Building."

AC Dunlap introduced DC Powers of Technical Services Bureau.

DC Powers introduced his staff and gave a brief overview of several units within the department such as technical support, telephone crime reporting, communications operations and telecommunications.

SEE ATTACHMENTS

Comm. Ramirez asked how are the citizens who do not have a home phone notified.

DC Powers stated they are notified by contacting their insurance company, or the department sends a letter as the last resort.

Comm. Ramirez stated their contact information is on the police report.

DC Powers stated that's the last known address they will use.

AC Dunlap stated the towing company has a responsibility to notify the owner of the vehicle as well before they can take the title from the State.

DC Powers stated the department has a collaborative working relationship with the towing company regarding this issue.

Comm. Ramirez stated the citizens used to call 311 to report a crime.

DC Powers stated that was the old number years ago.

Comm. Ramirez asked is it 211 now.

DC Powers stated no, 211 is a United Way Foundation which is not a part of the department.

Comm. Ramirez asked how is the new communication system working.

DC Powers stated excellent, but sometimes there are a few hiccups regarding the software.

Comm. Ramirez asked if the computer in the scout car goes down do you take the car out of service.

DC Powers stated not necessarily, they can troubleshoot the problem when the computer goes down.

The audio was inaudible at this point.

Comm. Ramirez asked when should an officer be able to turn his or her microphone off.

AC Dunlap stated when they get back into the patrol car, but recommends that they turn the camera around if they have someone in custody.

Comm. Hampton asked how are Personal Protection Orders (PPOs) being tracked and do they expire.

DC Powers stated PPOs have a shelf life span. They fall out of the system when a person has been charged. The department can track them for statistical and informational purposes.

Comm. Hampton stated after the vehicle is recovered, how long does it take to get put into the system.

DC Powers stated normally right a way and the person is notified immediately.

Comm. Griffin asked of the 5,500 warrants that were mentioned, how many are outstanding.

DC Powers stated all warrants are outstanding if they are still in the system.

The audio was inaudible at this point.

6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no standing committee reports.

7. NEW BUSINESS

1. GRANT: REQUEST TO RECONSIDER REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO ACCEPT THE WAL-MART AND SAM'S CLUB FOUNDATION'S "SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD HEROES GRANT"

On November 23, 2007, the Detroit Police Department received an award in the amount of \$500.00, with no cash match, from the Wal-Mart and Sam's Club Foundation, located at 31720 Gratiot, Roseville, Michigan.

The funding of the Safe Neighborhood Heroes Grant will pay for the production of the Detroit Police Department's Crime Victim and Family Survivor Guides to be distributed by the Detroit Police Homicide unit. The guide is designed to educate the family on the investigative process and identify resources available to them.

Additionally, the guide will aid in improving the relationship between the Detroit Police Department and the community by acknowledging our concern for the victim's family during their time of need. The guides will be given to a designated family member within 24 hours of notification.

MOTION: Comm. Hampton made the motion to approve the Grant.

SECOND: Comm. Griffin seconded the motion.

VOTE: Comm. Holley, Comm. Griffin, Comm. Hampton votes yes,
Comm. Ramirez abstained.

The audio was inaudible at this point.

8. **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

9. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING**

The audio was inaudible at this point.

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Detroit, MI 48226

10. **ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE**

The audio was inaudible at this point.

Chairperson Holley stated he moved that the Board of Police Commissioners enter into a closed session, pursuant to MCL 15. 268 (h) of the Open Meeting Act, to consider and discuss the Committee of The Whole Structure and the proposed By-Laws.

MOTION: Chairperson Hampton made the motion to enter into a closed session.

SECOND: Comm. Griffin seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

Vice-Chairperson Holley stated the motion having been approved by a majority of the Board members, a closed session will now be convened.

They went into closed session at 4:33pm

They returned from closed session at 4:48pm

MOTION: **Comm. Hampton** made the motion to return from closed session.

SECOND: **Comm. Griffin** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

The audio was inaudible at this point.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DANTE' L. GOSS
Executive Director
Board of Police Commissioners

DLG/rb